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This file consists of one record for each SP who met two conditions as of the fall round. First, the SP had to report that he or she was enrolled in Medicare HMO at the time of the community interview in the fall round. Second, CMS records had to show a capitation payment to a Medicare HMO on behalf of the SP for the month of the interview.

These data augment information from the Access to Care and Satisfaction with Care sections of the questionnaire. It contains information about access to and satisfaction with medical services received through the HMO. It also contains the SP's assessment of the quality of medical care they are receiving, types of additional coverage offered, and any out-of-pocket costs associated with the HMO.

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BASEID 4 8 \$BSIDFMT C Unique SP Identification Number

2,036 LOW-HIGH BASEID Count

HMOYEARS 12 2 HYRSFMT HIMC24 N How many years SP enrolled in an HMO?
2 -9 Not ascertained
73 -8 Don't know
314 1-2 1 to 2 years
539 3-5 3 to 5 years
462 6-10 6 to 10 years
235 11-15 11 to 15 years
153 16-20 16 to 20 years
216 21-95 More than 20 years
42 96 Less than 1 year

Note: First available in 2000

MHREFDIF 14 2 DIFFMT AC33 N Difficulty getting referrals thru MHMO?
7 . Missing
1 -9 Not ascertained
2 -8 Don't know
1 -7 Refused
91 1 Yes
1,689 2 No
245 3 N/A - haven't tried to obtain referral

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MHSPCLTY	16	2	SPCLFMT		AC34a		N Kind of specialist/medical provider
				1,945			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				0			1 Allergy & Immunology
				0			2 Anesthesiology
				9			3 Cardiology (heart)
				10			5 Dermatology (skin)
				0			6 Emergency Room physician
				1			7 Endocrinology/metabolism
				0			8 Family practice
				5			9 Gastroenterology
				0			10 General practice
				2			11 General surgery
				0			12 Geriatrics (elderly)
				0			13 Gynecology & Obstetrics
				0			14 Hematology (blood)
				0			15 Hospital residence
				4			16 Internal medicine
				2			17 Nephrology (kidneys)
				2			18 Neurology
				0			19 Nuclear Medicine
				0			20 Oncology
				11			21 Ophthalmology (eyes)
				9			22 Orthopaedics
				2			24 Osteopathy
				0			25 Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, throat)
				0			26 Pathology
				1			27 Physical medicine/rehab
				2			28 Plastic surgery
				0			29 Proctology
				3			30 Psychology/Psychiatry
				2			31 Pulmonology (lungs)
				0			32 Radiology
				1			33 Rheumatology (arthritis)
				0			34 Thoracic Surgery
				6			35 Urology
				1			36 Audiologist
				1			37 Chiropractor
				1			38 Dentist
				0			39 Optometrist
				2			40 Physical therapist
				0			41 Psychologist
				11			91 Other medical specialty

Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1
First available in 1998

MHNOAUTH	18	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N HMO wouldn't authorize service
				1,945			. Inapplicable
				31			1 Indicated
				60			2 Not indicated

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MHWAITLG	20	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Wait for appointment was too long
				1,945			. Inapplicable
				8			1 Indicated
				83			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHNOCONV	22	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Provider's location wasn't convenient
				1,945			. Inapplicable
				17			1 Indicated
				74			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHNOREFR	24	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N HMO wouldn't give referral to SP
				1,945			. Inapplicable
				32			1 Indicated
				59			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHNOLIKE	26	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N SP didn't like HMO - referred doctors
				1,945			. Inapplicable
				3			1 Indicated
				88			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHBADHRS	28	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Provider's office hours not convenient
				1,945			. Inapplicable
				1			1 Indicated
				90			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if MHREFDIF = 1 First available in 1996			
MHOTHER	30	2	IND1FMT		AC35		N Other - Kind of difficulty
				1,945			. Inapplicable
				16			1 Indicated
				75			2 Not indicated
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MHMOPOS	44	2	YES2FMT		HIMC15		N MHMO a point-of-service option
				181			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				174			1 Yes
				1,680			2 No
				Note: First available in 1996			
MHMOPAY	46	2	YES2FMT				N Does SP pay additional for HMO coverage?
				28			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,139			1 Yes
				868			2 No
				Note: Applies only if INTERVU = C and D_MCRHMO = 1 or 3			
D_ANHMO	48	8	HAMTFMT				N Annual additional cost for MHMO coverage
				898			. Inapplicable
				67			-8 Don't know
				1,071			Premium MIP pays for private insurance
				Notes: Applies only if MHMOPAY = 1 First available in 1996			
MHMOCOST	56	2	YES1FMT				N Did anyone else pay portion of premium?
				897			. Inapplicable
				8			-8 Don't know
				121			1 Yes
				1,010			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if MHMOPAY = 1 First available in 1999			
MHMOWHO	58	2	WHOFMT				N Did anyone else pay portion of premium?
				1,915			. Inapplicable
				7			1 Main insured person's current employer
				67			2 Main insured person's former employer
				6			3 Main insured person's union
				3			4 Spouse's current employer
				35			5 Spouse's former employer
				0			6 Professional/fraternal organization
				1			7 Medicaid/medical assistance
				2			91 Other
				Notes: Applies only if MHMOCOST = 1 First available in 1999			

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MHMOMEMB	60	2	HMEMBFMT			HIMC14	N Reason for joining a Medicare HMO
				4			-9 Not ascertained
				21			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				628			1 Lower cost
				448			2 Better benefits or coverage
				169			3 Doctor was member
				56			4 Convenient location
				218			5 Recommendation or reputation
				129			6 SP's current/former employer pays prem.
				82			7 Spouse's current/former emplr pays prem
				26			8 Less paperwork
				62			9 Prev plan bought/merged with current HMO
				24			10 Better selection of providers
				38			11 Better quality of care
				8			12 Couldn't get Medigap policy
				0			13 Better value than fee/service Medigap
				122			91 Other

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RECMHMO	62	2	YES1FMT			HIMC19	N Would recommend MHMO to family/friends?
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				78			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				1,713			1 Yes
				243			2 No

Notes: Asked only in new panel interviews of SPs who belong to an HMO
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